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Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA to Hire Hundreds of Local Disaster Workers to Help Hurricane Katrina Victims

Sacramento, CA – Hurricane Katrina has caused unprecedented damage in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. This will result in a substantial disaster relief workload for the U. S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Office of Disaster Assistance. SBA is the federal government's primary source of money to help homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, non-profit organizations recover from disaster. SBA's low-interest disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance. SBA disaster loans are a critical source of financial assistance essential to recovery.

"Because of the magnitude of destruction, SBA's Disaster Office in Citrus Heights is now hiring hundreds of disaster workers to help these victims recover from the devastation caused by Katrina. SBA immediately needs loan officers with backgrounds in finance, credit, banking, accounting, mortgage lending or students of business/finance," said Tanya N. Garfield, Deputy Director of SBA's Disaster Office. SBA also needs customer service representatives to work in Citrus Heights.

"In addition, we need construction cost estimators and customer service representatives to work in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and other disaster areas. Given the incredible destruction to homes and businesses, we need a substantial number of temporary employees to get the job done," Garfield continued.

Anyone interested in joining SBA's team may apply as follows: (1) stop by SBA's Personnel Department at 6501 Sylvan Road, Citrus Heights (just north of Greenback Lane) from 8 am to 3 pm, Monday through Saturday, *including Labor Day*; (2) e-mail your resume or application to da4.hr@sba.gov; (3) fax it to SBA's Personnel Department at (916) 735-1678.

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